

"LIFE IS TOO SHORT"
OR "FROM NOTHING TO SOMETHING"

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EXT. -PARK. -2PM

TYRELL and JASON are playing ball.

TYRELL:
Yo, we going be playing
ball all day!

JASON:
Yeah, I know..and I don't
got to work, either..
that's a big relief..(laughs)

TYRELL:
Oh, yeah, I forgot you
was off all day...Ima
call Darnel ..tell him
to come through.

JASON:
Yeah..do that so I can
dog him...because he thinks
he is better then me...

TYRELL:
I mean both of ya games
is different...but it is
a good match up...

JASON:
Nah ty...I dont think so..
he just got mass over me..
..That's it. Other than that..
I'm way better than him.

DARNELL walks up to TYRELL and JASON

TYRELL:
Well, speak of the devil..
here he come now...
YO, D!!!!!!!

JASON:
Aw, man...wassup, Darnell..
the kid who thinks he
is better than me.

DARNELL:
I don't think, Jason. I know
I'm better than you. Ask Ty.

TYRELL:
My name is Been-It and
I ain't in it..(laughs)

JASON:
No you not, Darnell...that's
what you think. You better
than me? I find that
hard to believe...

DARNELL:
You trash, Jason...you and
I both know that.
When I go to the NBA, you
are going to be watching
me on T.V. Mad (laughs).

TYRELL:
Aight dead all this. Can we
please play a game?
I didn't come out here
for nothing. Y'all deal with
y'all mess later.

JASON:
Yeah, you right ty. Come on..
let's play ball.

Game time
Game ends, JASON and DARNELL win

TYRELL:
That was a good game. Damn,
I'm sweating...

JASON:
Yeah, me, too. I was killing
that game.

DARNELL:

Yeah, whateva. We only won
because of me.
I mean Ty you was doin'
you...and Jason, you was
doin' alright...
but not better than me.

JASON:

Excuse me? Darnell, please, with
all that stupidity...just make
it clear.
You are not better than me,
and never will be...you
starting to piss me off.

DARNELL:

I'm pissin' you off..
watch ya mouth, Dupree, before
you lose ya teeth.

TYRELL:

Chill, y'all. We supposed to
be boys, and ya going
let basketball or
some damn game come between
you both?

JASON:

Na la...it ain't even
about the game. Its him
keep thinking he better than me.
And I know for sure he
is not...and I don't
know who the hell you threatening.

DARNELL:

That ain't a threat...that's
a promise, brother. Digg me?

JASON:

So if you feeling froggy, leap.

DARNELL:

Don't test me, Jason. I'm warning you.

TYRELL:
Yo...y'all better not fight.
I'm dead serious. I think
ya need some help.

JASON and DARNELL:
SHUT UP, TY!!!

TYRELL:
Y'all both shut up. Who ya
talking to. (laughs)

DARNELL:
Na but serious. Ima about
to slap you, Jason.

JASON:
All that talk and no action.

DARNELL swings on JASON and hits him in the face..they
begin to fight...TYRELL breaks it up

DARNELL:
Damn, you little...mutha...

JASON:
How you hit me first? Well,
snook me, rather...and you
the one hurt. (laughs)

TYRELL:
Come on, ya. What the hell...
y'all fighting over something
so dumb and stupid.
Darnell, you started it.

DARNELL:
Yeah, I started it. So what?
And yeah, I'm hurt. So what?
I got something for you, Jason ...
Ima see you.

DARNELL walks away.

JASON:
You see me now. Do something.
Yeah, you better walk away.

TYRELL
(yelling after DARNELL)
Darnell!!! Darnell!!! COME BACK
HERE!!! Damn. What is wrong
with y'all? We supposed to be boys.

JASON
We are. But you know damn
well Darnell always get outta line.
I mean, if someone was
testing you, what would you do?

TYRELL (shakes his head)
Yeah, exactly. That's
what I thought.

EXT.-ALLEY- 10pm

JASON and TYRELL begin to make their way home around 10pm
at night, walking through a dark alley.

TYRELL
You alright, man?

JASON
Yeah, I'm cool. I will
call him tonight, be the
bigger man and apologize.
I mean, he is my friend...
something like my brother.
So we cant have hatred in
our heart for each other...
just dont feel right.

TYRELL
Yeah, man, I feel you.
We knew each other too
long for that...since we
were kids. Can't just throw
that away. We brothers for life.

JASON
Yeah, exactly. (looks away)

DARNELL is approaching. It is dark, so he goes
unrecognized.

JASON
Yo, who's that?

TYRELL
I don't know....but just
know I got ya back..and
you got mine.

JASON
Yeah, no doubt. Oh, snap,
that's Darnell.

TYRELL
Wassup, Darnell?

DARNELL
DON'T WASSUP ME!!! You think
I forgot about earlier?

JASON
Yeah, I know. That's why I'm
ready to apologize. I shouldn't
reacted the way I did,
even though you hit me first.

DARNELL
Nah, man, I don't wanna hear
that, but you can hear this.

DARNELL pulls out a handgun. JASON and TYRELL are in
complete shock.

TYRELL
YO, WHAT YOU DOING WITH THAT?!

JASON
YEAH, MAN, WHAT THE HELL
YOU DOING? I HOPE YOU WASN'T
THINKING ABOUT SHOOTING ME.
YOU CROSSING THE LINE, DARNELL.
BIGTIME. BUT DAMN, THAT I AINT A SUCKA.
IF YOU GOING SHOOT ME, THEN SHOOT ME.

DARNELL
Oh, believe me, I plan to.
DARNELL waves the gun around.

TYRELL

Darnell, put the gun down.
Come on, man, that ain't the way.
We boys...we been friends
and brothers forever. Just put
the gun down...please.

DARNELL stands quiet, thinking to himself, and slowly puts
the gun away.

DARNELL

I don't know what was coming over me.
I mean, I went to see this
guy earlier, and he was telling me
this was the way to handle it. And
at the time I thought it was...
but didn't...I didn't...

TYRELL

You thought like a killer, man.
That ain't right.

DARNELL

I just...I can't believe...
I'm sorry, J. You my best friend.
And I'm sorry to you, Ty.

JASON

It's alright, man. I understand,
man. I know it was all out of anger,
but I'm here...we are here for you.

DARNELL

Ty, man...I'm...

TYRELL

Yeah, man. We brothers and we
love each other...and nothing
can come between that.

They all began to sit down. DARNELL sits down and trips.
When he trips, the gun goes off and shoots TYRELL in the
head, dead.

DARNELL and JASON

Ty? Ty? Ty!!!

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